

**ASSOCIATION OF CANADIAN MAP LIBRARIES AND ARCHIVES
BULLETIN**

ACMLA NEWS

CARTO 2019 McMaster University, Hamilton: June 11-14, 2019

Bonjour>Hello ACMLA members, friends and colleagues,

On behalf of the ACMLA Executive, we are pleased to announce that McMaster University will host the 53rd annual CARTO conference of the Association of Canadian Map Libraries and Archives (ACMLA) in Hamilton, Ontario from **June 11-14, 2019**.

Long known as one of Canada's industrial powerhouses, the City of Hamilton has transformed over the past few decades to become a centre of remarkable natural and cultural diversity.

Straddling the Niagara Escarpment (a UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve), Hamilton is home to expansive conservation areas, recreational trails, and over 100 waterfalls within its limits.

Bounded by these natural areas is an urban environment with flourishing art, music, and food scenes that offer something for everyone.

Nestled against Cootes Paradise and the conservation lands of the Royal Botanical Gardens, McMaster University exemplifies Hamilton's balance of urban and natural environments.

As the home of ACMLA hall of famers Kate Donkin and Cathy Moulder, the McMaster University Library has a long history of involvement with ACMLA and the CARTO Conference.

We're very excited to bring CARTO to McMaster for the first time--a long overdue event.

We will need folks to be on the **Local Arrangements Committee**, (please contact Jay Brodeur brodeujj@mcmaster.ca if you can work on the local arrangements) and a **Program Committee** to work together to plan the theme, sessions and guest speakers for the event (contact daniel Brendle-Moczuk danielbm@uvic.ca if interested)

Community participation in planning committees is critical to the success of the conference, so please consider being a part of one of the committees.

Chers membres de l'ACACC, amis et collègues,

Au nom de l'Exécutif de l'ACACC, nous sommes heureux d'annoncer le 53e CARTO congrès annuel de l'Association des cartothesques et archives cartographiques du Canada (ACACC) organisé par l'Université McMaster, du **11 au 14 juin 2019**, à Hamilton en Ontario.

Nous vous invitons à participer au processus de la planification du congrès en devenant un membre du comité de programmation ou du comité d'organisation locale.

Les membres du comité de programmation travailleront ensemble pour planifier le thème, les sessions et les conférenciers invités, et les membres du comité d'organisation organiseront les logistiques et les préparations locales.

Les deux comités travailleront en collaboration afin de faire de cet événement un succès.

La participation de la communauté aux comités de planification est essentielle au succès de la conférence, donc veuillez considérer faire partie d'un de ces comités.

Pour d'information se joindre **comité d'organisation locale**, veuillez communiquer avec Jay Brodeur brodeujj@mcmaster.ca. Pour d'information se joindre **comité de programmation**, veuillez communiquer avec daniel Brendle-Moczuk danielbm@uvic.ca

Au nom de l'Exécutif de l'ACACC / On behalf of the ACMLA Executive,
daniel Brendle-Moczuk, ACACC/ACMLA Président 2018-2019

ACMLA/ACACC - Annual General Meeting - May 30th, 2018

Time: 12:15 – 13:45

Location: Concordia University, **Molson Building 3.435**

Attendance

Sign-in sheet: <https://goo.gl/D3abyn>

Additional attendees not recorded in sign-in sheet:

- Rebecca Bartlett
- daniel Brendle-Moczuk
- Jay Brodeur
- Marcel Fortin

Opening Remarks (MF)

- Questions/comments welcome in either official language

Approval of Agenda

- Proposal to revise agenda to discuss
 - Budget
 - Association and names task force
 - Nominations committee
 - Discussion on the future of the ACMLA-ACACC

Business Arising

- Introductions around the room

Treasurer's Report

2017/2018 financial report

- Conference - small profit
- Organization memberships ended in 2017 with conversion to online publication
 - Publishing expenses decreased, as well
- Continued loss of funds on an annual basis

2018 Interim Financial Report & Projected 2018 budget

- Budget looks promising at this point. Projecting a small loss by end of year

Name Change Committee, Nominations, Future of the ACMLA-ACACC

Positive response to Name Change Committee's work--appetite for exploring a name change

- Conversations moved to those surrounding the structure/operation of the association

Call for Executive nominations - Nomination committee

- DY: Decided to put out a call to the community--no cajoling or targeted recruiting. No volunteers came forward for any position.
- DB-M: Could nominate at the meeting, but is this just perpetuating the same process
- MF: Not an Exec decision to determine what the Association looks like going forward. It's a conversation for the entire community
 - There are many other associations that our members belong to. What's ACMLA-ACACC's place in this?
 - What are our membership fees covering? Currently, much of it goes to sustaining the membership management software

RB gave overview of main expenses going forward

- Member (\$1500) and honoraria for publishing & web
- MF: Money exists in accounts — how/where to use this money?
 - Can we create a new Association that is more flexible/nimble, in order to better facilitate conversation?
 - Association that is built around the conference?
 - Call on members to form a group to look at bylaws and consider options for restructuring
- DY: Potential options that have been discussed
 - RB: Code4Lib / Access: meetings/conferences are run (and paid for) by the hosting institution--these groups are thinking of becoming an official organization for financial purposes.
- DB-M: It appears folks strongly support and value the Association, but the administration of the organization feels like a burden.
 - DY: Core issue is that people don't participate on executive
 - MF: Lack of participation not necessarily an indicator of lack of interest/potential value of the Association. Lots of relevant activity on lists such as DLI / IASSIST.
 - MF: Fear that Association doesn't work the way that it should.
- JJ (WAML): Similar conversations within WAML.
 - Membership has shrunk over time, as people's' job responsibilities have shifted. But still seem to have strong engagement in the community.
 - In WAML: When structure gets in the way, they ignore them and focus on projects that they want to tackle
 - DB-M: WAML's membership money used to fund scholarships (diversity + up-and-coming) — nurturing future generation

- SS-P: A lot of restructuring and reformulation of people's positions, which leaves them burdened. Difficult to add more onto her plate (e.g. providing translation).
- SB: Is participating in Executive something that can go on a CV as part of a permanent record?
 - At Francophone Universities, it doesn't count b/c of Socio-Economic delays
- BZ: When she joined, much of membership was from governments and other organizations
 - BZ: Members of the public have the perception that we're for academic libraries / librarians only — perception problem
 - MF: People in LAC has expressed interest in re-joining
- CB: As new member, enjoys the information in *Bulletin*, in conference; would like to see more discussion on the list.
 - Who are we? Who is this community? We're people who are helping people use geospatial data.
 - DY: data/geospatial data/GIS is a big mish-mash.
 - MF: Working in the confluence of maps, (geospatial) data, GIS
 - RO: Library assistants/technicians think they cannot join.
 - MF: If they do join, what do they think they get out of membership?
 - RO: Possible to have more professional development opportunities - webinars
 - LT - but this has been something we've wanted to do but have difficulty getting it to happen
 - MF: Difficulty is that the current model puts all the pressure on the Executive to execute and sustain. Why not spread that out to the membership?
 - DJ: Minimum requirements for Exec: Manage money, chair, incoming chair
 - LT: Probably not technically difficult to knock extra positions from the bylaws
 - MF: Exec could get rid of the entire nomination process
 - FB: Would be willing to participate in initiatives, but unsure about being a member of the Exec and the responsibilities it would involve.
 - DJ: Without a name change, it's difficult to engage new audiences
 - MF: Are we ready to be so flexible that awards are given when the Exec decides to do so / recruiting be done without official call for nominations?
 - DY: Consider ourselves within a broader community of data professionals (including IASSIST/DLI, etc.).
 - SH: Careful of using DLI as an exemplar--it's supported behind the scenes by \$\$, people, political will.
 - LT: Keep focus on (geospatial) data professionals/users, with focus on data and not on software, etc.
 - MF: If we changed our name would individuals from broader community come?

- FB: run the risk of competing with IASSIST if we broaden too much, safer to stick to GIS
- SB: Agrees with Francine, but take away the word libraries might be a better way of seeing the broadening. It's about information facilitators
- MF: many presentations at this conference combine both data & maps so there is already overlap
- CB: Sounds as though we want to keep a community. Why don't we look at the structure and make it less formal, and also continue with the name change. We do need a name and a face to negotiate with government (e.g. for the map digitization project). Having a professional affiliation is helpful with professional reporting at home institution.
- SB: changing the name would help attract members.
- SH: joined as a library assistant and was a member for 10-15 years before becoming a librarian - was told it was important to be a part of it.
- DJ: Imagine a world where there are no more dues to belong. Could add some to the conference to support operations--CARTO is still a very high value conference, so some costs can be included.
- DBM: Giving free membership to those new in the profession might encourage growth
- Proposed Budget
- RB: Membership software still included — incurred late-Dec / early-Jan. Could end subscription and potentially membership dues before that time.
- Honoraria fees are noticeably large--could look to reduce those to save costs.

Next Steps

- Name change committee to bring forward a vote
Call for volunteers to help restructure:
 - Francine Berish; Siobhan Hanratty;
- Send a note to the list to summarize developments and next steps.

Meeting adjourned at 13:40

Relevant Documents:

https://acmla-acacc.ca/francais/docs/ACACC_reglement_administratif.pdf (fr)

<https://acmla-acacc.ca/bylaws.php> (en)

https://acmla-acacc.ca/docs/ACMLA_rules_of_procedure.pdf (en)

https://acmla-acacc.ca/francais/docs/ACACC_regles_procedure.pdf (fr)

Association of Canadian Map Libraries and Archives Awards

The ACMLA Awards Committee is responsible for three awards given by the Association. We invite nominations for these awards and encourage members to participate in the selection of the awards for outstanding accomplishments in our field.

ACMLA Honours Award

The Awards Committee invites nominations for the ACMLA Honours Award. According to the guidelines for the award, the nominee should be a person who has made an outstanding contribution in the field of map/GIS librarianship. The contribution may either be for a specific activity or for general services and contributions such as continued membership in the Association with active participation either as an executive officer, committee chairperson, or committee member. Normally, membership in ACMLA is a prerequisite; however, that does not preclude considering outstanding non-members.

Deadline : 30 April 2019

ACMLA Cathy Moulder Paper Award

To be eligible for the Paper Award, which carries a \$200 monetary prize, a feature article of at least three pages in length, by one or more authors, must have appeared the ACMLA Bulletin during 2018. We are looking for articles that make a solid contribution to map librarianship, including carto bibliographies. Originality, uniqueness of subject matter and depth of research will be taken into consideration.

Deadline : 30 April 2019

ACMLA Student Paper Award

As a reminder, the ACMLA Awards Committee would like you to encourage students to submit their papers for the Student Paper Award. The Association of Canadian Map Libraries and Archives encourages and supports activities which further the awareness, use and understanding of geographic information by Canadians. To this end, post- secondary students are encouraged to submit a paper for the ACMLA Student Paper Award competition.

The Student Paper Award will consist of a prize of \$250 and free membership in the Association for one year. The award includes an invitation to present the winning paper at the Annual Conference. The Association will waive registration fees and provide a travel stipend of up to \$250. The award will normally be given on an annual basis to a student from Canada or studying in Canada currently enrolled in a post-secondary institution (college or university). The essay will be original and unpublished and of no more than 3000 words. Primary consideration for the award will be given to the essay's originality and its contribution to new knowledge and insight. Other considerations include the author's demonstration of the relevance of the subject, the quality of the presentation and documentation, and the literary merits of the essay.

Deadline : 30 April 2019

For more complete details regarding the awards, please see the ACMLA Awards web page <<http://acmla-acacc.ca/awards.php>> or contact: Marcel Fortin, ACMLA Awards Committee, past-president@acmla-acacc.ca.

Prix de l'ACACC

Le Comité des prix et mérites ACACC est responsable de trois prix décernés par l'Association. Nous invitons les nominations pour ces prix et encourager les membres à participer à la sélection des prix pour réalisations exceptionnelles dans notre domaine.

Prix d'excellence de l'ACACC

Le comité des prix et mérites invite les membres de l'ACACC à soumettre la candidature du membre qui, à leurs avis, est admissible au Prix d'excellence. Selon les règles du concours, l'heureux(se) élu(e) sera toute personne dont le nom a été retenue en vertu de sa participation considérable au développement de la profession de cartothécaire. Sa contribution peut se quantifier de différentes façons: activités particulières ou générales, participation soutenue au sein de l'Association en tant que membre d'autres comités. Bien que ce concours s'adresse surtout et avant tout aux adhérents de l'Association, cependant, non-adhérent exceptionnelles peuvent être considéré pour le prix.

Date limite pour soumettre votre rédaction : le 30 avril 2019

Cathy Moulder ACMLA Prix d'essai

Selon les règles du concours, l'heureux(se) élu(e), qui recevra une bourse de 200 \$, devra avoir publié un article d'au moins trois pages au sein d'une édition du Bulletin de l'ACACC en 2018. Le comité recherché principalement les articles ou les carto-bibliographies, qui alimentent et soutiennent le développement de la discipline. Les articles seront jugés selon les critères d'originalité du thème choisi et du niveau de recherche.

Date limite pour soumettre votre rédaction : le 30 avril 2019

Prix annuel de l'ACACC pour article étudiant

Le comité des prix et mérites de l'ACACC tenons à vous pour encourager les étudiants à participer dans le Prix annuel de l'ACACC pour article étudiant. Le concours est admissible à toute personne originaire du Canada ou qui étudie au Canada et qui est présentement inscrite à un établissement post-secondaire (collège ou université). Les articles doivent être rédigés durant l'année scolaire en cours.

Le prix annuel de l'ACACC pour article étudiant et se composera d'un montant de 250.00 \$ et les droits d'adhésion à l'Association pour une année. Le prix inclus également une invitation présenter la communication lors de la conférence annuelle de l'ACACC tenue à la fin mai ou au début juin. Si le récipiendaire répond à cette invitation, il sera dispensé des frais d'inscription au congrès et l'Association lui allouera un montant jusqu' à 250.00\$, avec recettes, pour couvrir les frais de voyage. L'article doit être original et ne jamais avoir été publié. Il doit comporter moins de 3 000 mots. Les juges porteront l'attention en premier lieu sur l'originalité du sujet et sur son apport en nouvelles connaissances et idées novatrices. L'article sera également jugé sur la façon dont l'auteur démontre la pertinence du sujet, sur la qualité générale de la présentation et de la documentation ainsi que sur la qualité littéraire du texte.

Date limite pour soumettre votre rédaction : le 30 avril 2019

Pour obtenir des détails complets sur les prix vous pouvez consulter les lignes directrices (en anglais) sur notre site web : http://www.acmla-acacc.ca/awards_committee.php ou contactez Marcel Fortin, Comité des prix et mérites de l'ACACC past-president@acmla-acacc.ca